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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is important. I was a manager at AT&T Longlines in the early 80's when the Consent Decree came down and the Bell System monopoly was sent to the chopping block with Divestiture in 1984. I hated it then, but over the years, have grown to understand the importance of competition.

Our smallish town (80k people) across the bay from San Francisco, has typically had only a few choices for internet and cable TV. Even though I will always have fond memories of my years at AT&T, we have not been pleased with their ISP service or prices. Same goes for Comcast. We've been very happy with smaller providers, like our current ISP, Sonic.net.

Broadband service is critical to our livelihoods, as we work from our home.

Please stand up for competition, don't bow to the Big Corporations!!!

Thank you,

Cecilia Trost